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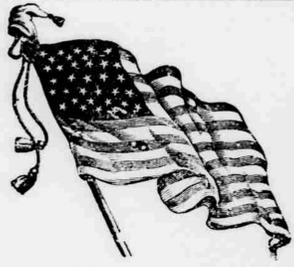
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INVESTIGATION DEMANDED

The most unfortunate incident that has arisen since this country's entrance into the war is the dispute between the railroads and the brotherhoods of trainmen and conductors. The dispute is fraught with much danger to the transportation interests of the country. The seriousness of the charges made by Messrs. W. G. Lee and A. B. Garretson, heads of the trainmen and conductors, respectively, would seem to leave the Government no choice but to fully investigate the entire matter.

Messrs Lee and Garretson allege that the freight congestion is the direct result of conspiracy on the part of the managements of the various systems to discredit control and the eight-hour law. Not only is this serious charge made by both these great labor leaders but it is substantiated by numerous other members of the two brotherhoods.

It is hardly believable that the heads of our great transportation system could so far forget the first duty of American citizens as to exploit their country in this great crisis of her history, for purely selfish ends. On the other hand it is almost unbelievable that two such prominent leaders of the people should be deceived into laying a charge of such seriousness unless they were firmly convinced of its truth.

The country had thought that the graceful manner in which government control was accepted by the management of our railroads that all were in perfect harmony with the Administration in the effort to bring the war to a speedy close. We were feeling proud of our transportation systems and

pointing to them as evidences of the deep loyalty of all classes of our people. We had also rejoiced that the great labor organizations were standing so staunchly by the government and would throw their great strength to the making of the world safe for democracy.

But this controversy is of too serious a nature to be passed by. It involves two of the most powerful interests of the country, and the very life of the nation is affected. If the charge is true, there is treason to deal with. If false, then two of America's greatest labor leaders have sadly fallen down on their jobs and have brought their organizations into bad repute.

Since the matter has gone so far, it is up to Congress to thoroughly investigate. No perfunctory probe should be tolerated, but the country should be made fully acquainted with every fact. The railroads are more than ever the arteries of the nation in this crisis, and consideration for no man or set of men should be permitted to interfere with their free operation.

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By J. Y. Savage

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Temperature average high 70.2°.
Temperature average low 45.7°.
Rainfall 24.100 inches.

Mr. Robert Gray returned last night from Rocky Mount, where he spent the week end.

Mrs. W. T. Hancock, and son Bennie returned yesterday afternoon from Rocky Mount. They were accompanied home by Miss Catherine Hancock.

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